

**MINISTERS - ALL MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION
PASTORAL & OFFICE STAFF**

Pastor.....Joel Gibbel, pastor@yorkfirst.org
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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Music Director.....Rebecca Wolf
Accompanist.....Becca Miller
Worship Leaders.....Micah & Danielle Gibbel
Children's Time.....Michele Gibbel
Audio/Visual.....Jason Wolf, Jay Crist
Ushers.....**Leader – Melanie Miller**
.....Steve Hoover, Marjorie Schardt, Jacob Wingard, Kevin Wingard
Coffee/Hospitality.....Jeanette Brickner
Greeters Today.....Sheldon & Doris Markel
Greeters Next Week.....Leonard & Helen Stoner
Nursery Attendant.....Angie Robinson

DEACONS are available and their responsibilities include assisting the pastor with the care of the congregation. If you have a need, please contact your deacon or the church office.

Please see one of our ushers at the entrance to the sanctuary prior to worship if you need LARGE PRINT bulletins or hymnals. Hearing Assistance Devices are available from the A/V booth in the back of the sanctuary.

Activity bags for children to use during worship are available as you enter the sanctuary. Nursery care is available and the “worship nursery” in the rear of the sanctuary is open for use anytime.

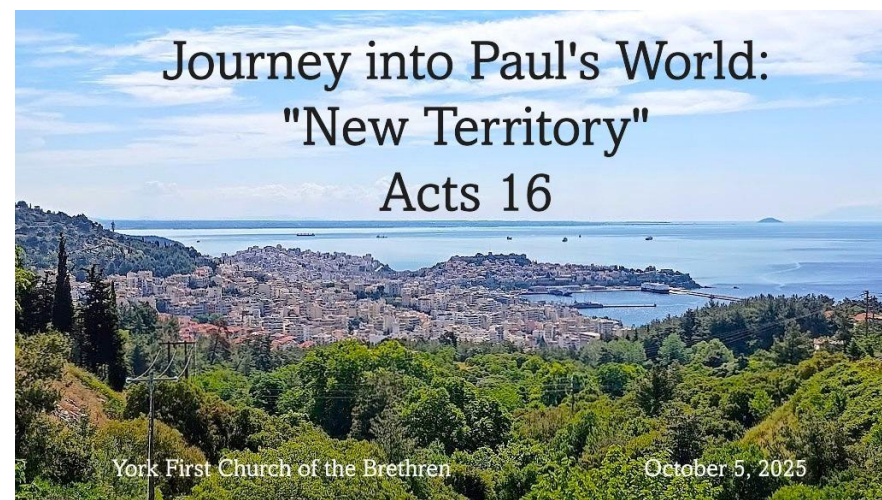
The church issues a weekly e-newsletter each Friday.
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To receive the prayer chain emails, please contact the church office.

Worship attendance last Sunday: 67
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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

“New Territory”

Acts 16:1-15



October 5, 2025



Continuing the work of Jesus
Peacefully
Simply
Together

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FIRST CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

*"To become a community of committed Christians
who Love God, Share Christ, and Serve the World"*

10:30 AM

October 5, 2025

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE *"I Love You, Lord"* Klein arr. Hayes

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Peace be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Come and see the love God has given to us.

**People: Come and see what it means to be children
of God.**

Leader: Come with this hope, that Christ's presence is real.

People: With joy, we come to see the Lord.

***HYMN** *"Water has held us"* (insert) – sing the journey #82

*INVOCATION

CHILDREN'S TIME

CHOIR ANTHEM *"Ain't Got Time to Die"* Kern

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

SCRIPTURE LESSON Acts 16:1-15 (Page 963)

MESSAGE "New Territory"

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

"God of the Bible" (insert) – sing the journey #27

GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

Offertory *"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"* Kirkpatrick arr. Berry

*Offering Response *"Grant us, Lord, the grace"* 388

*Prayer

***SONG OF SENDING** *"In Christ there is no East or West"* 306

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *"Spirit of Gospel, Descend upon My Heart"*
Atkinson arr. Hayes

We kindly request that you be seated for the Postlude or leave quietly
so that others may appreciate the conclusion of the service. Thank you.

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Worship Center Flowers are given to the Glory of God
and in celebration of our 16th wedding anniversary
bv Jason and Rebecca Wolf

This Week at a Glance:

Mon	10/6	6:45 pm	Worship Design Team – Multi-Purpose Rm
Tues	10/7	4:00 pm	Food Pantry Open 4:00 to 5:30 pm
Wed	10/8	11:00 am	Gifts Discernment Team – Multi-Purpose Rm
		6:30 pm	Women's Bible Study – Ann Mow Rm
Thurs	10/9	6:30 pm	Chancel Choir Practice – Sanctuary
Fri	10/10	8:30 am	Soup Kitchen –
			(Casseroles due at church by 8:30)
		6:00 pm	Community Campfire – Outside behind FH
Sat	10/11	10:00 am	Food Pantry Open 10:00am to 12:00pm
Sun	10/12	9:00 am	Sunday School
		10:30 am	Worship Service – Sanctuary
		5:00 pm	Shine Everywhere Event –
			Parking lot by parsonage

Upcoming Event:

Wednesday, October 29 – Trick or Trunk 5:30 pm

You may use this QR code
to access our church's online giving



God of the Bible

FRESH AS THE MORNING* 55. 54. 55. 54 with refrain

D A/C# G/B D Bm D/F#

1 God of the Bi - ble, God in the Gos - pel, hope seen in Je - sus,
2 God in our strug - gles, God in our hun - ger, suf - fer - ing with us,
3 Those with - out sta - tus, those who are noth - ing, you have made roy - al,
4 Not by your fin - ger, not by your an - ger will our world or - der
5 Hope we must car - ry, shin - ing and cer - tain through all our tur - moil,

Em A Bm D/A G D

hope yet to come, you are our cen - ter, day - light or dark - ness,
tak - ing our part, still you em - pow'r us, moth - er - ing Spir - it,
gift - ed with rights, cho - sen as part - ners, mid - wives of jus - tice,
change in a day, but by your peo - ple, fear - less and faith - ful,
ter - ror and loss, bond - ing us glad - ly one to the oth - er,

Em D/F# G Asus A

free - dom or pris - on, you are our home,
feed - ing, sus - tain - ing, from your own heart,
birth - ing new sys - tems, light - ing new lights,
small pa - per lan - terns, light - ing the way,
till our world chang - es fac - ing the cross.

*Original title

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Refrain D A/D G/D D Em D/F#

Soprano (Melody)

Fresh as the morn - ing, sure as the sun - rise, God al - ways faith - ful,

Alto

Fresh as the sun - rise, al - ways faith - ful,

Tenor/Bass

Fresh as the sun - rise, al - ways faith - ful,

Em A D A/D G/D D

you do not change. Fresh as the morn - ing, sure as the sun - rise,

you do not change. Fresh as the sun - rise,

Em D/F# G/A D A/D

God al - ways faith - ful, you do not change.

al - ways faith - ful, you do not change.

G/D D A/D G/D D

al - ways faith - ful, you do not change.

Water has held us

BUNESSAN 55. 54D

C Dm/F G F C

1 Wa - ter has held us, moved by cre - a - tion.
 2 Wa - ter has saved us, as the sea part - ed
 3 Wa - ter has cleansed us, bathed with for - give - ness,
 4 Wa - ter has touched us, fresh on our fore - heads,

C/E F C G7 C Am F

Out of dark cha - os, broke forth the light. Up from the del - uge,
 for Is - rael's chil - dren, walled on each side. This love has led us,
 has, with clear bless - ing, washed sin a - way. Jor - dan's strong cur - rents
 show - ing an in - ward, spir - i - tual grace. In - to God's fam - 'ly,

C Am D C Em Am Dm/F G C

show - ing God's prom - ise, has come a rain - bow, glad - den - ing sight.
 helped us in trou - ble, on far ho - ri - zon, God's cloud our guide.
 God's Son an - nounc - ing, made a be - gin - ning, bap - tis - mal day.
 we have been wel - comed. As sons and daugh - ters, we take our place.

Text: R. Deane Postlethwaite, 1978

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